



St. Martinus University
Faculty of Medicine
Curaçao

*Committed
to
Excellence*

- Pre-Medical Program
- Basic Science Program
- Clinical Science Program
- USMLE / MCI Preparation Course
- \$1 Million in Scholarships

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WELCOME TO SMU



HISTORY

St. Martinus University, Faculty of Medicine was founded in 2003 with the intention of providing medical students from around the world with the highest quality of medical training for a fraction of the cost. SMUFOM was preceded by St. Martinus College, a private Catholic school founded in 1842.

St. Martinus College was so highly regarded in the region that children from around the world were sent there to be educated. St. Martinus University continues to build upon that reputation offering high quality medical education in keeping with North American and European standards.



WHY SMU?

At St. Martinus University Faculty of Medicine, our mission is to provide a well-balanced instructional program that enables the students to reach the highest level of academic success. Our staff is committed to creating a student-centered educational environment that is constantly adapting to the students' needs.

Our goal is to maintain an active partnership involving students, teachers, community and staff to develop a love of learning while embracing our diversity and unique talents in a safe, challenging, respectful and supportive environment both inside and outside the classroom.

We have developed a US-based systemic curriculum which will aid students in preparation for the USMLE Step examinations, enhance placement into clinical rotations, and provide the skills and knowledge that will lead to a successful and rewarding career. With the best equipment and staff on our side, our aim is to help students reach their full potential and become qualified physicians and exceptional leaders in the field of medicine.



More reasons to join SMUFOM:

- USMLE first-time pass rate of 94%.
- SMUFOM MD Degree is recognized all over the world.
- Clinical Rotations offered in Curaçao, US, Canada, and UK.

Recognized by:

- World Health Organization (WHO)
- Government of Netherlands Antilles
- Medical Council of Canada
- FAIMER, USA
- General Medical Council, UK
- Government of Curaçao
- USMLE
- ECFMG
- Medical Council of India
- NBME, USA
- AMSA, USA
- IMED
- NRMP

PROGRAMS

PRE-MED

The Pre-Medical (PM) program is a one-year, 90 credit accelerated program. The PM program allows prospective medical students to meet the General Science requirements for admission into the MD Program at SMUFOM.

Courses Offered (among others):

- Chemistry
- Biology
- Physics
- Medical Terminology
- Intro to Anatomy
- Intro to Biochemistry
- Forensic Toxicology

BASIC SCIENCE

The Basic Science program is a two-year program and is offered at our Curaçao Campus. This program will not only provide you with all the knowledge and skills you will require as a Doctor, but it also includes a 10 – week USMLE Preparation Course at the end of the second year. 80% of our classes have fewer than 60 students.

Courses Offered (among others):

- Biochemistry
- Histology
- Microbiology
- Anatomy & Embryology
- Pharmacology
- Pathology
- Integrated Clinical Medicine
- Neuroscience
- Behavioral Science
- Epidemiology
- Introduction to Research
- Public Health & Statistics
- Medical Ethics
- Physiology

CLINICAL SCIENCE

The Clinical program is a 2-year program consisting of 72 weeks, including 48 weeks of basic required rotations and 24 weeks of elective rotations. SMUFOM's hospital network offers all 6 Core Rotations and over 30 electives.

Clinical Rotations are offered in Curaçao, US, Canada, and UK.



CORE ROTATIONS:

- Internal Medicine
- Surgery
- Family Medicine
- Pediatrics
- OB/GYN
- Psychiatry

CURAÇAO CAMPUS

HISTORY OF HUIZE SCHERPENHEUVEL

By the end of the 19th century, there were continuous riots in Venezuela. The bishop of Merida, Mgr. da Silva, with the help of Pastor Frie, of the parish of Sta. Rosa, bought plantation Scherpenheuvel to set up a seminary to avoid the riots. Since its construction in 1898 until 2008, Huize Scherpenheuvel (House on the Steep Hill) has been a safe-haven for religious scholars, a home for orphan children, a technical and vocational school, and, eventually the office of the Roman Catholic School Board. On May 9th, 2013 After months of renovations and restorations, St. Martinus University, Faculty of Medicine, Curaçao became the latest entity to call the Huize Scherpenheuvel home. On October 12th was the official reopening of this magnificent building.



CAMPUS SERVICES



SKERPENER HALL (SMU HOUSING)

Skerpener Hall is SMUFOM's on-campus residence. With single, double, and triple rooms, Skerpener Hall offers options for all budgets. In addition a meal plan to having your lunch and dinner included in your Housing Package, you are also steps away from your classroom!



EVENTS

- White Coat Ceremony
- Community Outreach Program



FITNESS CENTER

The SMU Fitness Center is an affordable student-run gym located on campus with all the equipment available including treadmills, bikes, and free-weights.



CAFETERIA

The SMU Cafeteria is open to all students who wish to eat on campus. Lunch and dinner are prepared daily. Housing packages include a full meal plan and offered to all off-campus students for only \$7 per meal.



Living in Curaçao

GOVERNMENT

Curaçao is an autonomous country within the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Locals have Dutch nationality and carry European Union passports. The form of government is a parliamentary democracy, based on underlying premises such as freedom of association, the right to form political parties, freedom of the press, and freedom of speech.

CLIMATE

Located in the tropics, just 12° north of the Equator, Curaçao has a warm, sunny climate year round. The average temperature is about 27° C (in the mid-80s F). Cooling trade winds blow constantly from the east, picking up in the spring months.

CURRENCY

Curaçao currency is the Antillean guilder (also called the florin), which is abbreviated as Nafl but U.S. dollars circulate freely, so it is possible to get by using only American dollars or credit cards. The exchange rate is 1.8 Nafl for every 1 USD and has remained this way for 30 years due to Curaçao's stable economy.

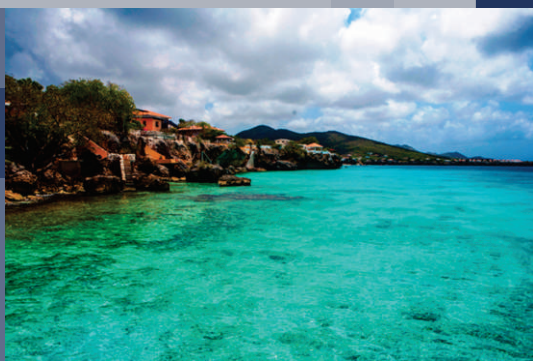
DRIVING IN CURAÇAO

Curaçao has a public transportation system (buses), but some of our students decide to purchase (or rent) cars, motorcycles, or bicycles in order to get to and from the University. Given that Curaçao is 275.8 sq. km (171.4 sq. miles) large, having a personal means of transportation, although not necessary, may allow you to be better equipped to explore the island.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

You can easily move about the island by bus. Curaçao offers two kinds of public transportation: the large buses, which are called 'Konvooi', go for a longer distance, and on most urban routes you will find vans (max. 9 p.) called 'bus' (they have BUS on their registration plates). The bus routes cover most parts of the island, and can bring you to beaches, shopping areas, and parks.

STUDENT LIFE



SAFETY

Curaçao is one of the best and safest islands in the Caribbean according to Business Insider, a popular US-based magazine. This fact allows for a harmonious and peaceful living environment. This is thanks to the combined efforts of the Curaçao Police Department, Politur (branch of the police force dedicated to the protection of tourists), Curaçao Fire Department, and Curaçao's Emergency Services.

WATER

Not only is Curaçao tap water safe to drink, it is of the finest quality. A seawater distillery for production of drinking water, known as Aqualectra, produces water of excellent quality and has been ranked in the top 5% of the world. It is soft, contains no chloride and little calcium, is tasteless and odorless, and has a good bacteriological composition.

ACTIVITIES

Curaçao is a tourist's dream. You will always have something to do on the island. With beautiful beaches, restaurants, nightclubs, bars, hotels, shopping malls, scuba diving, snorkeling, and many other activities, you will never be bored.





STUDENT CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (SGA)

The SMU Student Government Association (SGA) is the main student-run organization at SMU. Every year, the SGA works diligently to organize social events, sport tournaments, and work with SMU Administration to improve student life at SMU.

AMERICAN MEDICAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION (AMSA)

The American Medical Student Association (AMSA), with a half-century history of medical student activism, is the oldest and largest independent association of physicians-in-training in the United States.

CHRISTIAN MEDICAL & DENTAL ASSOCIATION (CMDA)

Founded in 1931 and with a membership of over 18,000, The Christian Medical & Dental Associations (CMDA) provides resources, networking opportunities, education and a public voice for Christian healthcare professionals and students.

EVENTS



APPLYING FOR ADMISSION

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

St. Martinus University's has a specifically designed US-based Curriculum for students wishing to pursue their medical profession in the United States. Students who do not wish to practice medicine in the US will be evaluated on a case by case basis and may be exempt from certain Admission Requirements. However, meeting the minimum educational or pre-medical requirements is considered important to the students' success in the academic program. Please note, all courses at SMU are taught in English.

In selecting applicants for admission, St. Martinus University, Faculty of Medicine will scrutinize applicants' motivation, intellect, and other character traits essential to becoming a physician. Consideration will also be given to special features of background and experience which may contribute to a candidate's potential success in the medical field. Because physicians must be able to offer care to those who are ill, applicants should give evidence of their capacity to deal effectively with other people. They must also be able to organize their activities, set priorities, accept responsibility, and function well under stress.

Our Admissions committee will compile all of the required documentation and information gathered during the admissions process. Once all the information has been received, the Admissions Department will schedule an interview with the prospective student. The candidate will then receive a final decision from St. Martinus University, Faculty of Medicine.

For more information visit our website (www.martinus.edu) or contact any of our Administrative Offices.

HOW TO APPLY

- Choose your Program
- Verify that you have all the necessary documents (use Document Check-list)
- Submit your Application Form (www.martinus.edu/apply-and-pay-fees)
- Submit your Transcript and other Required Documents

FINANCIAL AID AND AWARDS

SCHOLARSHIPS

R.K. Sharma Academic Excellence Scholarship:

\$1,000 to all Basic Science students with a GPA of 3.75 or above.

SGA Member Award and Scholarship:

\$500 awarded to any SGA member fulfilling the criterion:

- GPA of over 3.0
- Valuable contribution in SGA

Academic Excellence Scholarship:

\$6,000 scholarship awarded to every student scoring 235 and above in USMLE Step 1.

Exceptional Academic Excellence Scholarship:

\$8,000 awarded to every student scoring 250 and above in USMLE Step 1.

FINANCIAL AID

Pay-As-You-Go

Qualifying student are offered payment plan options which allow for payment of tuition and fees in comfortable monthly installments.

Tuition Deferment

Qualifying students can defer up to \$2,200 USD per semester payable at graduation.

CANADIAN FEDERAL STUDENT LOANS

SMUFOM is approved for Canadian Federal Student Loans. You can apply for OSAP, Alberta Student Financial Aid or Federal Student Loan Office of your province.

For help, please email loans@martinus.edu



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